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ATTACHMENT B  
Amendments to the Claims

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*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.*

1. (Original) An apparatus for conveying objects, for instance fruits, comprising- first endless conveyor with conveying elements such as diabolos connected thereto, while a conveying position is defined between at least two conveying elements, one of which downstream and the other upstream, viewed in the direction of travel of the conveyor, and - a second endless conveyor, with product carriers connected thereto, comprising gripper hands, for transferring the objects from between the conveying elements, the second conveyor being provided in the direct proximity of the first conveyor wherein, at least in the surfaces supporting the objects at the moment of transfer by at least one single gripper hand, the conveying elements comprise grooves in a direction perpendicular to the conveyor, and said gripper hand has fingers, while the distance between the fingers corresponds to the distance between the grooves of the conveying elements such that upon transfer of the objects by said gripper hand, the fingers are positioned at least partly under the objects in the groove ends of the grooves.

2. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the conveying elements are diabolos with circumferential surfaces of which at least one half is provided with grooves, while the diabolos are further provided with guides for directing the diabolos while the guides are passed over a transfer guide and are positioned with said one half at the upper side.

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the grooves substantially consist of groove ends which are in one line.

4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ 1, wherein the product carrier for a single product or object consists of two gripper

hands which are moved from both sides from the groove ends inwards and, upon transfer, both support the product or object.

5. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ 1, wherein the two conveyors are positioned in line, one above the other.

6. (Original) An apparatus according to at least claim 4, wherein the gripper hands are virtually of the same size.

7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ 1, wherein the gripper hands are connected to a weighing unit.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ 1, wherein, further, an upward guide is provided with which at least virtually immediately after transfer of an objects by said gripper hand, this gripper hand is carried along upwards while this gripper hand and the transferred objects are positioned at at least a limited distance above the conveying elements.

